

Office of the Child Advocate

Winter 2007-2008 Brown Bag CLE Lunch Series

Each free one hour session (12 pm – 1 pm) counts for one hour of Continuing Legal Education credit. All sessions will be held in the Carvel Building Library, on the 3rd Floor at 820 N. French Street, with a live video feed to the Public Defender's Office at 14 The Circle in Georgetown.

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Accessing Mental Health Services for Your Client

December 18, 2007

What resources are available for children with mental health needs? What is the process for obtaining the appropriate level of care?

Presenters: Harvey Doppelt, Ph.D. and Charles Webb, Ph.D. – Division of Child Mental Health Services

Understanding the DFS System

January 10, 2008

Helping you to understand the DFS system from hotline report to conclusion. What are these documents and why do we keep changing social workers?

Presenters: Brenda Roslyn, Michele Yingling & Kimberly Warren – Division of Family Services

The Effects of Multiple Placements

January 29, 2008

What effect do all these moves have on your child client? What to look for in determining whether your child client has issues with attachment.

Presenter: Victoria J. Kelly, Psy. D.

Permanency Planning for Children in Foster Care

February 5, 2008

How does DFS make permanency decisions regarding goal changes, adoption selection, and adoption subsidies? How can the AGAL advocate throughout the process? This session will also include information on concurrent planning and Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement (APPLA).

Presenter: Allison McDowell, Program Administrator – Office of the Child Advocate

When Your Teenage Client has Criminal Charges

February 21, 2008

Your child client is about to be arrested. How does the juvenile justice system work? What is a GAL's role? How do juvenile delinquency decisions impact child welfare proceedings and services?

Presenters: The Honorable Barbara Crowell – New Castle County Family Court

Lydia Cox, Esquire – New Castle County Office of the Public Defender

Legal Alternatives for Permanency: Termination of Parental Rights, Permanent Guardianship and Guardianship

March 13, 2008

If your child client cannot be safely returned home, what are some of the legal options available to achieve permanency? This session focuses on the legal grounds for TPR, permanent guardianship and guardianship, and the differences between the options.

Presenter: Tania Culley, Esquire, Child Advocate – Office of the Child Advocate

***Please note: Brown Bag sessions are subject to cancellation if less than 3 persons register.**

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